

Hudsonville Fair

Ottawa County 4-H Super Showmanship Rules

Effective February, 2010

Score sheet: The score sheet will have a scale of five for each category, except ability of exhibitor and show technique which will have ten points each. Score sheets to be provided by the 4-H office.

1. **Winning:** A member may only win Super Showmanship in Ottawa County once per year.
2. **Judges:** All judges must be at least 18 years of age. It is recommended that judges not be related to the participants in the show.
 - Experienced 4-H members who are 17 may assist an adult in judging.
 - Experienced 4-H members who are 18 and have assisted in judging in the past may judge.
 - Experienced 4-H members who are 19 may judge.
3. **Classes:** All classes to be divided by the age of the members. Members are to go in the age appropriate class (not necessarily the same class they won in with their regular showmanship class).
 - **Junior** – 9, 10 and 11 (no big beef will be shown)
 - **Intermediate** – 12, 13, and 14
 - **Senior** – 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19
4. **Eligibility:** The first showmanship contest that a member wins is **THE** species the member must show in super. No passing down the first animal to the second places winner (unless the member is not going to compete in the contest at all). The second species of showmanship that a member wins in must be passed down to the second place winner (and passed to the third if the second place winner has already qualified).
5. **Questions:** Questions asked during the event are to be general knowledge, easy for members to find, and age appropriate.
6. **Sportsmanship:** All 4-H rules of conduct will apply including those of sportsmanship before, during, and after the contest.
7. **Animals:** Animals for super showmanship should be manageable and easily shown. Safety of members is of primary consideration. Project coordinator will have the final decision on animals. Animals should not be switched during a class but rather should be switched between classes. No dairy animal may be used in the junior member division that is older than a junior yearling heifer.
8. **Appearance:** No sandals, canvas shoes, no open toes or open heels. No bare mid – drifts or halter tops. Only the **first** judge will give a score for appearance.
9. **Ability with animal:** Interaction of the member and the animal and the member's ability to read the animal, and approach it so that it can be worked with. (Interaction and control of the animal) **This item is worth ten points**
10. **Show technique:** Knowledge of correct show methods and technical aspect of the animal, maneuvers, patterns, proper display of animal. **This item is worth ten points.**
11. **Dropped Scores:** The Super Showmanship coordinators will **not** drop the low score of any member in calculating the results.